

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention provides an article with an image contained in an image-receptive layer that is bonded to the surface of the article with a size coat. A carrier film, which has been coated with a polymeric resin image-receptive layer and a size coat, forms a wrap that is used to receive the image. Use of the wrap in a method for imparting a design on an untreated article begins by covering the article in the area to receive printing with the wrap being positioned with the size coat adjacent to the article. Heat and pressure are used to treat the wrap while in contact with the article for sufficient time to bond the size coat to the article. The carrier film is removed from the article, leaving the size coat and the receptive layer bonded to the article. A transfer sheet, that includes an image to be transferred, is placed against the article with the image being placed in contact with the receptive layer. A second treating step, with the transfer sheet in contact with the article, provides sufficient heat and pressure for a sufficient time to bond the image to the receptive layer. Finally, the transfer sheet is removed from the article, leaving the image bonded to the receptive layer.